

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 16 are rejected. Claims 4-15 are indicated as allowable.

In this Response, claims 1 and 16 are amended and claim 3 is canceled. Claim 17 has been added. The subject matter of claims 1, 16, and 17 can be found in claims 1, 3, and 16, as well as the originally-filed specification. No new matter has been added.

The undersigned representative would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the above-identified claim amendments in a teleconference on March 9, 2006. In the teleconference, the Examiner indicated that amended claims 1 and 16 and new claim 17 are allowable.

Claims 1-3 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ziv (U.S. Patent No. 6,292,662) in view of Chung (U.S. Patent No. 5,706,282). This rejection is rendered moot by the amendment of claims 1 and 16 and the cancellation of claim 3. Further, dependent claim 2 is also believed to be allowable as it contains the limitations of the claim on which it depends. Therefore, the undersigned representative respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3 and 16.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned representative respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the undersigned representative, in person or over the telephone, we welcome the opportunity to do so. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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